

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.
Discount rates were 5 to 7 per cent on call and time loans. Clearing, \$5,532,332; balances, \$18,336. New York exchange, 11c discount bid, 10c discount asked; Louisville, 25c discount bid, 15c discount asked; Chicago, 15c discount bid, 10c discount asked; Cincinnati, 15c discount bid, 10c discount asked; New Orleans, 25c discount bid, 15c discount asked.
The local wheat market closed lower at 77 1/2c July; 77 1/2c Aug.; 78 1/2c Sept. Corn closed higher at 47 1/2c July; 47 1/2c Aug.; 48 1/2c Sept. Oats closed at 25 1/2c July; 25 1/2c Aug.; 25 1/2c Sept.
The local market for standard mess pork closed easy at \$12. Prime steam lard, East Side closed lower at \$10.25; West Side, \$10.25. Lard, common market closed quiet.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Mrs. Minnie Wells, a woman, was yesterday by hitting him on the head with a bottle of ketchup.
Preparations for the French Fete to-morrow evening at Concordia Park and Delmar Garden have been completed.
No trace has yet been discovered of Gladys Zimmer, who disappeared from the Union Station on Friday afternoon.
In the absence of Partner Atherton of East Alton, a stranger whom he had employed the day previous made a desperate attempt to murder Mrs. Atherton and a woman servant.
Lizzie McDermott, 18 months old, was yesterday killed by a Sixth street electric car in front of her parents' home on South Sixth, and her mother, Mrs. McDermott, was seriously injured while trying to save her.
Albert O. Woodward of Denver, Colo., who was a patient at the Alvarado Hotel, died yesterday at his home in the city.
R. A. Horst of St. Louis, dressed in a suit of armor, was yesterday arrested and taken to the hospital for treatment of his wounds.

Attorney General Crow brings suit to test the constitutionality of the law under which the street railways of this city were consolidated. The suit is to be filed in the Supreme Court of the United States.
The committee of the D. O. C. and of the U. C. V. have been selected for the monument to the Confederate dead to be erected at Springfield.

Evidence of lack of harmony was visible in the Republican gathering at the League club at the Merchants' League Club of this city.
The funeral of Judge Hiral of Clayton will take place this morning.

John Herd, a man, was yesterday with the peace of Miss Hattie Duvall, was discharged by Judge Siddle.

The Citizens' Committee, of which John T. Wilson is chairman, has been successful in circulating petitions that the strike shall be settled by arbitration.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.
Bryan and Stevenson will be formally notified of their nomination for president on August 8. A big demonstration is expected and the speeches on that occasion are expected to sound the keynote of the campaign.

Jessie Black, Jr., has been nominated for Congress by the Democrats of the Fourteenth Illinois District.

Congressman Terry is confident that Bryan will defeat McKinley.

Major Taggart of Indianapolis says that Bryan will carry Indiana.

The Democrats are confident of carrying Illinois.

The Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans of Nebraska have fused and the State is assured for Bryan.

The Nebraska Prohibitionists in State Convention condemned McKinley's action on the currency question.

Missouri triplets have been named after McKinley, Roosevelt and Hanna.

The father of Gilbert Gates was recalled to the stand in the Foster case. He testified that when the powder was discovered in the dead man's vest pocket at the Kansas trial Foster was confessed.

The First Brigade of the Illinois National Guard will depart from Camp Lincoln today. It will be replaced by the Second.

The Missouri Dental Association yesterday elected officers.

President McKinley and Governor Roosevelt formally notified of their nominations by the Philadelphia convention.

Five surgeons mysteriously died of blood-poisoning.

National Teachers' Association, in session at Charleston, S. C., elected officers.

South Dakota Democrats and Populists reach an agreement.

Bitter fight in the West Virginia Republican State Convention.

Judge Zevoy nominated for State Senator by the Democratic Convention at Richmond, Mo.

Gold Democrats in favor of going into the campaign without a ticket.

SPORTING.
Powell and Lewis pitched great ball yesterday, but a nine-inning rally won the game for St. Louis, 2 to 1.

Thursday's Fair Grounds winners: Lexell, Bushfield, Miss. J. Golden Harvest, "Pinocchio and The Light."

RAILROADS.
Some valuable results were obtained recently from a series of experiments from flying children from a locomotive.

Chairman William Salmon of the Baltimore and Ohio board has returned from abroad.

The Southern Pacific has made some changes in its Havana line of steamers.

Rock Island surveys have begun work on a proposed extension into New Mexico territory.

General Freight Agent McLaughlin of the B. & O. S. W. has issued a circular relative to changes of office Baltimore.

Chicago lines have put in grain rates to Texas to meet emergency rates put in from St. Louis by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

Work on the Louisiana and Arkansas is progressing rapidly.

CHINESE OFFICIALS REPORT

ALL WRITERS IN PEKING SLAIN.

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shown by them in the Japanese War.

No news from Peking.

FLOOD THREATENS ALLIES.

Berlin, July 12.—Herr von Buolow, in a circular to the confederated Governments, announces on good authority that the Chinese Boxers have cut the Grand Canal near Tien-Tsin, flooding the surrounding country.

The purpose of the move is to prevent a march of the allies upon Peking. The horrors of a flood are added to the devastation of the country by war. Tien-Tsin is reported to be greatly endangered.

ALLIES DON'T AGREE.

Tien-Tsin, July 4, via Che-Foo, July 8, and Shanghai, July 11.—A homogeneous army of half the strength of the allied forces could do better work than is being done by them. The operations are dangerously handicapped and the safety of the city is imperiled by lack of organization and the want of one representative of the several nations manage their civil and military affairs largely without co-operation. The ranking officer of each nationality has absolute jurisdiction over the operations of his Government's troops. Questions of policy are discussed daily in international conferences, which have not the power to enforce the wishes of the majority.

Admiral Seymour's method of commanding is to make requests, which the other commanders generally follow; but there have been no advances of the ranking officers holding aloof from operations of which they disapproved.

There is great need of more troops. The present force of 10,000 men is attempting to hold a line fifteen miles long around the city. There is also great need of rebuilding railroads to Taku and getting artillery equal to the guns with which the Chinese are daily bombarding the allied position.

Gain for the Chinese.
The week's work resulted in a substantial gain for the Chinese, as the allies lost fifty or sixty men and succeeded in accomplishing nothing. Yesterday furnished a new illustration of the weakness of the present methods. A majority of the commanders had agreed that it was imperative to attack the native city beyond the foreign settlements and to destroy the artillery therein which menaced the settlements. The attack was fixed for four days ago, but was postponed because of the rain. It was again fixed for yesterday morning, but was postponed because of the rain. It was again fixed for yesterday morning, but was postponed because of the rain.

In the meantime the Chinese had removed two big guns from the native city and had planted four in the open near the East Arsenal two miles away. These shelled the city for four hours, sending in more than 100 shells. They got the range of the public buildings, and of the club-houses used as hospitals, and dropped shells all about the city. Fortunately most of the shells were defective and failed to burst and the others had a small radius of effectiveness.

Japs and Russians Beaten.
In the absence of a concerted plan, the Russians sent a few companies of Cossacks, with two field guns, to the front of the battery of six three-pounders and two companies of infantry, supporting the English 12-pounders from H. M. S. Terrible, to silence them. The Terrible's guns failed to get an effective position, and the Russians had one gun dismounted and four men killed early in the engagement. The Japanese sent a few companies of infantry to the front of the battery of six three-pounders and two companies of infantry, supporting the English 12-pounders from H. M. S. Terrible, to silence them. The Terrible's guns failed to get an effective position, and the Russians had one gun dismounted and four men killed early in the engagement.

The Russians lost heavily and the Japanese had one killed and twelve wounded. The Chinese threw a few shells into the city this morning to show that they were still alive.

A British officer described the situation as chaos. He said:

"We have wasted many days in politeness, and it is time we did something."

There is no disagreement among the commanders as to the necessity of a definite head, several of them are disposed to follow their own methods and they simply abstain from operations contrary to those methods. The foreign population is greatly aroused concerning this apparent apathy.

The city is being bombarded and they are likely to suffer heavily and they do not understand the apparent negligence of the Governments to furnish relief and why reinforcements are not coming on faster.

The Americans are particularly dissatisfied because, though they have one of the smallest interests, they are second to none. One experienced officer said:

"It is impossible to realize at home that there has been more real war here than in Cuba or in the Philippines."

The Germans have occupied and raised their flag over the Imperial University of Tien-Tsin. The officers of the university are likely to suffer heavily and they do not understand the apparent negligence of the Governments to furnish relief and why reinforcements are not coming on faster.

Consul Hagdale has been protesting against the action of the Germans.

DIRECTED BY FOREIGNERS.
London, July 13, 4:30 a. m.—The day's news is again restricted to the usual Shanghai stories, the most serious of which, reports that the German Government is directing the Chinese military operations. The correspondent asserts that Captain Bailey of H. M. S. Aurora distinctly saw a man in European garb directing the Chinese artillery operations outside the city of Tien-Tsin.

Foreign refugees from Tien-Tsin openly accuse a European official, whose name the Express correspondent suppresses, and Colonel Von Hanneken, who was formerly employed to lead the Chinese troops, of being parties to a plot to procure the escape of General Chang and themselves leaving the other foreigners to their fate.

Statements are in circulation in Shanghai accusing the Russians of indiscriminate slaughter of friendly Chinese non-combatants, without regard to age or sex. The manager of a Chinese steamship company, who has arrived in Shanghai, asserts that he has seen evidence of this.

It is stated that the Tao-Tai of Shanghai protested to the Powers against these Russian slanders.

It is asserted that the Buddhist priests throughout the Empire are propagating Prince Tuan's anti-foreign gospel.

News is circulating that the Yangtze Valley that General Ma has inflicted a crushing defeat upon the allies at Tien-Tsin, and that the foreign army has been cut to pieces east of Peking. The actual importance of the allied forces nearly gives color to these stories.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Express gives the impression that to July 3, when the superior range of the Russian artillery enabled them to relieve the Russians, who were hard pressed at the railway station.

WU'S NEWS DISCREDITED.
So-Called Imperial Edict Probably Emanated From Tuan.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Washington, July 12.—Officials of the administration are inclined to regard the

Imperial edict received through Minister Wu yesterday with grave suspicion. They were at first disposed to take an optimistic view of it and to accept it in good faith. The suggestion of Minister Wu that its failure to mention the legations or any of the Ministers of the several nations indicated their safety found some credence.

As the document has been more carefully studied, however, the first favorable impression is waning. It fails to mention either the Empress Dowager or Prince Tuan and says nothing of the degradation of the Empire or of the elevation of Prince Tuan, reports of which were credited by Minister Wu a few days ago. The edict purports to have been issued by the Privy Council. This council consists of five members, two of whom are Kang Yi and Prince Tuan, both leaders in the anti-foreign agitation, and it has thus come to be looked upon rather in the light of a pronouncement by Prince Tuan, as has been suggested in London.

For these reasons there is a disposition to cast doubt upon the edict, and to urge to pave the way for information showing that the Ministers and other foreigners in Peking have been murdered. The edict is regarded as a simple attempt to justify China's course. It does not contain any assurance of the safety of the foreigners, or any tangible promise of their protection. It tries to put the responsibility for all that has occurred upon the foreigners.

This Government holds that China is responsible for the safety of the Ministers, even though she must consider that a state of war had been precipitated by the attack of the foreign fleets on the Taku forts. It is a recognized principle of international law, of which the Chinese are fully cognizant, that in time of war a country must always give safe conduct beyond its borders to the Ministers and other diplomatic representatives of the country with which it is at war, and if China considers herself at war with the foreign Powers, she was bound to extend the same protection to the representatives of one of the powers, where they could receive the protection of the foreign flags.

By consultation with the foreign Powers, the United States Government is endeavoring to force forward the movement on Peking, though it is feared that the relief forces will arrive in late.

Until some direct and positive information has been received from Peking, the authorities will not give up all hope of the safety of the Ministers and other foreigners. They still hope that friendly Chinese have been supplying the legations with provisions.

The Fourteenth Infantry and the battery of the Fifth Artillery ordered from the Philippines are to sail from Manila to-morrow. Their arrival at Taku will bring the total military force of the United States to about 2,500 men. General Chaffee is expected to reach Taku by July 8.

TO ENTANGLE THE POWERS.
China May Be Trying to Bring on War Between Them.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Washington, July 12.—China may be playing for time in the hope of delaying action by the Powers until they become engaged in conflict among themselves. This seems to be the consensus of opinion among diplomats and officials.

The English mission at Cheng-Chow (Ching Chow) has been looted and burned.

The "Watts" and "Penton" referred to in Doctor Brown's cable dispatch are believed to be the names of Chinese agents, who are here under British protection, and who are always accompanied by four Chinese bodyguards.

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NO CLOTHING FITS LIKE OURS.



The man who wants to be well dressed knows that the fit and style of his garments are as important as any other consideration. Nevertheless, a good many people buy clothes with a single eye to the cost. The "cheapest" suit catches them. They don't think of the workmanship. Our distinction lies in the fact that all the clothing we make is

"CUT TO FIT."

500 Elegant Worsted Suits,
Marked down from \$15.00 to \$12.00.
They are all new goods, made by us in May and June. They must go this month.

DROWNING, & CO.,
BROADWAY AND PINE ST.

made a gallant rescue of foreign miners near his station at Tientsin, 100 miles south-west of Che-Foo. Mrs. Hergen and Doctor and Mrs. J. B. Neal are among the refugees arriving on the Shantung.

At Feng-Tsi three Chinese converts were killed.

Mrs. Crockett of We-Hien brought on with her party Davies and Johnson. Fleming also escaped.

Watts and Penton made a gallant ride to Taku to bring the news of the critical conditions in outlying Shantung villages. They swam the Pei-Ho River twice and were fired upon by the natives at every village they passed.

Hopkins, Patch, Lacey and Boring left for Japan by today's steamer.

The Reverend Cornwall of Che-Foo has been distinguished himself by making three trips into the interior to rescue missionaries.

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ports, which they carried, entering through a breach made by the bombardment. The Captain was killed as he was climbing up.

The northern and western forts were occupied by the Japanese, and the right and left forts by the other forces. Later, the British took charge of the western fort, and the Japanese left the northern Taku-Ku.

Three Chinese warships and four torpedo boats were captured.

In a report to the Japanese Admiralty the commander of the Nagasaki Torpedo Corps says the Americans were in the landing forces, which captured the forts.

TRANSPORTS ON WAR BASIS.
They Will Carry No More Nonmilitary Passengers.

Washington, July 12.—The army transports plying between San Francisco and the East have again been placed on a war basis, with the result that no more passengers not attached to the military can be carried on these vessels. The demand for such transportation has become so great, especially from women, that the Secretary of War has found it necessary to issue the following notice discontinuing the practice of carrying civilians between San Francisco and the Philippines:

"In view of the requirements of the service, all permits for the transportation of persons not actually in the military service by transport sailing from the Pacific coast ports will be discontinued until further order. Notice is hereby given to the army, the press and all others concerned."

ATTEMPT ON REFORMER'S LIFE.
Kang Yu Wei Badly Wounded at Singapore.

London, July 12.—The Singapore correspondent of the Express says:

"Two Japanese recently made a determined attempt to murder Kang Yu Wei, the exiled leader of the Chinese reform party, who is here under British protection, and who is always accompanied by four Chinese bodyguards."

The attempt was made at the Singapore hotel where Kang Yu Wei was staying. He was badly wounded, but escaped. There have been many attempts to murder Kang Yu Wei by police, in order to gain the price set upon his head by the Chinese.

JAPAN SHOULDERS BURDEN.
At the Same Time She Holds Russia and Germany Responsible.

Yokohama, July 12.—Though no decision has yet been announced, it is certain that Japan will send nearly 50,000 troops to China. The press agrees that the dispatch of so large a force is duty to humanity, but asserts that a large measure of responsibility for the troubles rests upon Russia and Germany, because of their arbitrary action in China.

DOCTOR LOWREY'S SONS.
One Is in Peking, the Other in Tien-Tsin.

New York, July 12.—The Reverend Doctor H. K. Carroll, of the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society, today received a telegram from the Reverend Frederick Brown at Che-Foo, in answer to an inquiry sent some days ago asking about the two sons of the Reverend Doctor H. K. Lowrey, who were at Peking, Doctor Lowrey is president of the Peking University, but is at present in Philadelphia, having come to the United States to attend the recent General Conference. The cablegram received today was as follows:

"George, Catherine, Peking; Edward, Tien-Tsin, Nagasaki."

This is understood to mean that Doctor George N. Lowrey, a physician, and his wife, Catherine, were still in Peking at last night. "We cannot leave until we have secured custom service has escaped to Tien-Tsin, and that Mrs. Edward Lowrey, Cora, was entirely safe in Nagasaki."

BOMBARDMENT OF TAKU.
Monocacy a Refuge for Noncombatants During Battle.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Victoria, British Columbia, July 12.—The steamship Braemar, which arrived today, brought a copy of the report of Admiral Samjima to the Japanese Admiralty on the capture of the Taku forts.

The United States warship Monocacy was used during bombardment as a place of refuge for foreign women and children and for the Russian wounded. The ship was hit by a twelve pound shell and two officers and four men were killed. On the German cruiser Tien, Captain Hass and a crew officer and six men were killed. One of the crew, the Mongol, was killed but did no damage. The fire from the forts was terrific and showed good gunnery practice.

A land force of 1,500 men—Russians, German, British and Japanese—contingents, in that order—attacked the forts from the Russian side in front showed signs of weakening. The forces of the allies were then deployed, and the Japanese at the rear dashed through the gap and charged the

TEN TRANSPORTS ENGAGED.
Germany Preparing to Send 12,000 Troops to China.

Hamburg, July 12.—The Boersenhalle announces that the Hamburg-American line has leased four and the North German Lloyd line six steamers to the Marine Minister for the transportation of 12,000 troops and ammunition to China.

JAPANESE VISITOR.
H. K. Nishimura Talks of the Chinese Muddle.

A representative of the Japanese Government spent several hours in St. Louis yesterday. His name is H. K. Nishimura and his home is at Tokyo. Mr. Nishimura is a pleasant little gentleman, who has made a desperate effort to master the intricacies of the English language without any great de-

Misses' "Sorosis" Shoes.

We have just received our first shipment of "SOROSIS" Shoes for Misses in sizes 11 to 2.

The greatest care and many months of labor have been spent in making these Shoes for Misses the very best that are on the market.

They fit the natural shape of a foot, do not crowd the toes or in any way interfere with the normal growth of the foot. Button Shoes, patent leather tip, black kid. Lace Shoes, patent leather tip, black kid. Lace Shoes in tan calf.

All Styles for Misses,
\$3.00 Per Pair.

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